Agnew Briefed On China Visit, Monitor Says

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BOSTON, Aug. 23 — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew knew that presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger was to visit Peking before President Nixon announced the visit publicly July 15, The Christian Monitor reported today.

The Monitor said this information "runs counter to newspaper reports that Mr. Agnew was not among the few top-level people Mr. Nixon had indicated were privy to the secret . . ."

"In the early planning stages of the visit, Mr. Agnew knew that someone—a presidential emissary—would be going; and he was informed of the identity of the emissary—Dr. Kissinger—at some point advance of the public announcement . . . the sources indicate," in the Monitor said